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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of  
Robin Walter Mills, et al.  
Application No. 09/509,433  
Filed: May 30, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. PH010525 (TIR066)

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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 24, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action mailed January 24, 2008. This decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment. On October 24, 2008, the present petition was filed.

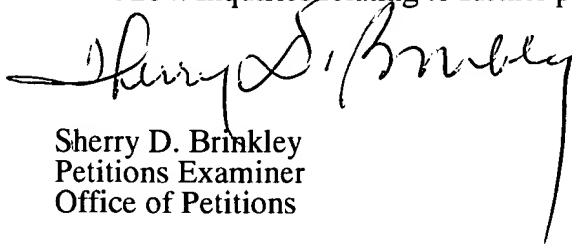
The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(A)(2).

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee of \$810; (2) the petition fee of \$1,620; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay<sup>1</sup>.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2885 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.

<sup>1</sup> 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Although the statement contained in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement will be construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3). Petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Inquiries relating to further prosecution should be directed to the Technology Center.

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Sherry D. Brinkley  
Petitions Examiner  
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